

Green Key/Tourist Key

GREEN KEY: This card identifies the holder as a Suffolk County resident and insures reduced fees for park activities. Green key cards are required to access the automated golf and camping reservation system. The Green Key Card can be purchased at Golf Pro Shops, Active Parks, or the Administration Office in West Sayville and is *valid for three years from the date of purchase*.

SEASONAL RESIDENT GREEN KEY: This card may be purchased at Golf Pro Shops or the Parks Administration Office and will allow the user resident privileges during their seasonal stay in Suffolk County. This card is valid until Dec. 31st of the year it is purchased. A certified residential rental or lease agreement for a minimum of 90 days must be provided at time of purchase as proof of seasonal residency.

HANDICAPPED GREEN KEY CARD: This card may be purchased by residents of Suffolk County who qualify as a Disabled Person. Eligible individuals are required to provide a Suffolk County Office of Handicapped Services Identification Card, or a New York State Parks Handicapped Access Pass. In order to receive handicapped discounts for park activities or fees, the person whose name appears on the green key card must be present during each transaction.

VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER/ EMT CARD: A "Volunteer" Green Key Cards may be obtained by Suffolk County residents after proof of "ACTIVE" Volunteer Service is provided. If Volunteer ID card does not show expiration date, volunteer is required to provide letter from Chief on Department letterhead stating the Volunteer's active status. A Suffolk County Parks Volunteer Form, signed by the Chief will be accepted in lieu of a letter. Volunteer must be present to receive discount for park activities or fees.

TOURIST GREEN KEY: Non-residents may purchase a Tourist Green Key card allowing access to golf and camping reservation systems on a limited basis - tourist rates apply. The Tourist Green Key can be purchased in person at Golf Pro Shops, or the West Sayville Administration Office, and can also be purchased via mail or phone (631) 854-4961 (M-F 8:30 - 4:30 pm). The Tourist Green Key Card is *valid for one year from the date of purchase*.

**** ALL DISCOUNTS are NON-TRANSFERABLE, and can only be received by person whose name appears on the discount card. ****

USING THE PARK INFORMATION AND RESERVATION SYSTEM

BY TELEPHONE — Just dial **244-PARK (7275)**

- General park information and beach hotline **Press 1**
- Making Reservations **Press 2**
- Special Events **Press 3**
- Return to Main Menu **Press *** (star sign)
- End Your Call **Press #** (pound sign)

INTERNET — www.suffolkcountyny.gov, From the Parks Department page, click on camping and golf reservations.

suffolk County campgrounds



STEVE LEVY, County Executive

A Message From ... County Executive Steve Levy



Camping provides a unique opportunity for Suffolk County residents to enjoy an “affordable” get-away for their families, while staying close to home. As the camping industry has changed dramatically over the last several years from tents to RV’s, the campgrounds truly are becoming a “Home Away From Home.”

In an effort to meet the demands of the camping community, the Parks Department has recognized the need for improvements and is pleased to announce that Indian Island Campground in Riverhead will open thirty-five new “premium sites” this Spring. These sites have been renovated to include water and electric and have been re-designed to accommodate larger camping units.

Each campground, including Indian Island offers its own unique setting and recreation opportunities for a rewarding camping experience. This brochure will familiarize you with all of the campgrounds in the Parks system, so you can choose the campground best suited for your needs. Don’t miss your chance to “get away from it all” and unwind at Suffolk County campgrounds.

GREEN KEY CAMPING RESERVATION SYSTEM

Only green key card holders are permitted to make a reservation. Between May 15 and October 15, reservations must be for a minimum of four nights (Thursday through Sunday), and for a minimum of two nights (Monday through Wednesdays only, excluding holidays.) Before May 15 and after Oct. 15, the minimum is two nights. Tourist green key card holders may reserve throughout the season for one week maximum, except for Memorial Day, July 4th, Labor Day and Columbus Day weekends.

CAMPING SEASON

Campers may make reservations 180 days prior to their stay. Reservations will be accepted one week to 180 days in advance. Maximum duration of a stay will be two weeks except at Smith Point — one week only. Up to two campsites may be reserved in the same period of time at the same park except at Smith Point — only one site. The second site is charged at the tourist rate. You may select your own check-in and departure dates. Campers may select a specific site or have one assigned by the reservation system.

CANCELLATION

There will be a \$5 telephone processing fee if a reservation is canceled twenty-four hours after it is made. Reservations may be canceled no later than 15 days in advance of the check-in date. If the reservation is canceled within two weeks of the check-in date, there will be a \$15 charge which must be paid or all Green Key privileges will be suspended. **Once a site is canceled, IT WILL NOT BECOME IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE FOR RE-BOOKING. The reservation system will make the site available at a random time between 12 to 24 hours after the reservation is canceled.**

NO SHOWS

If a reservation is not canceled and a Green Key holder does not check in by the prescribed check-in time, they will be considered a no-show. The penalty is a surcharge and suspension of your Key until a \$25 No-Show fee is paid. **Campers will have until 9:00 pm of the check-in day to pay for reserved site in its entirety. Credit Cards via phone will be accepted as payment. Once payment is made, the site is theirs for the duration of their stay whether the site is occupied or not. If campsite is not paid for, the site will become available on a first-come, first-served basis at 8:00 am the next morning. Reservation campers who have paid for their site do not have to set-up right away. Walk-on campers must set site up immediately after check-in.**

MARINA RESERVATION

Transient boaters who wish to reserve a slip in the Timber Point East County Marina in Great River or the Shinnecock County Marina in Hampton Bays, should call 854-4952 (weekdays) or Timber Point at 854-0938 (weekends). Reservation fee: \$5.00 (in addition to slip fees).

CAMPGROUNDS

Sears Bellows County Park - Hampton Bays

(631) 852-8290 or 852-8294 (seasonal)

There are 40 trailer and 30 tent campsites with sanitary facilities (showers). All trailer sites have water spigots. Youth group and club camping areas available by permit.

Park Activities:

Lifeguard protected fresh water swimming, fishing, rowboating, hiking, picnicking, pavilion, playground (handicapped accessible), bridle paths and horseback riding at the Sears Bellows Stable (723-



3445). Home of the BIG DUCK, Long Island's most famous landmark.

Directions: Sunrise Highway to exit 65 North, make left on Bellows Pond Road. Entrance is on the right.

Cedar Point County Park - East Hampton

(631) 852-7620

Camp Store: (631) 324-7147

There are 190 general campsites for tents and trailers with sanitary facilities (showers). Youth group and club camping areas available by **permit only**.

Park Facilities: Rowboating, scuba diving, hiking (including a self-guided trail), picnicking, playground (handicapped accessible), pavilion, and fishing. Car top boats (canoes and kayaks), can be launched (no trailers.) A special feature at this park is the Cedar Island Lighthouse. Limited outer beach access for vehicles with recreational vehicle use permit. Check with park for restrictions during bird nesting season. Camp store on premises.

Directions: East on Montauk Highway, left onto Stephen Hands Path. North to Old Northwest Road. Left on Alewife Brook Road, park entrance on right..

OUTER BEACH CAMPING

Theodore Roosevelt County Park - Montauk

Outer Beach (631) 852-7879 (seasonal)

Office (631) 852-7878

This park offers outer beach camping for 200 self contained trailers or campers. **(No Tents)** All vehicles must have a recreational vehicle use permit. Small parking area is available for green key card holders without a recreational vehicle use permit. No sanitary facilities.

Park Activities: Picnicking, pavilion, hiking (including a self-guided trail), surfcasting on the outer beach, fishing at Big Reed Pond, bridle paths and horseback riding at the Deep Hollow Ranch (668-2744). Small boats (electric motors, canoes and kayaks) are permitted.

Directions: Outer Beach Entrance – Take Montauk Highway 2-1/2 miles east of village, turn North on East Lake Drive, entrance is just past the airport. Park/Third House – Continue on Montauk Hwy. for another 1/2 mile. Park entrance is on your left.

Shinnecock East County Park - Southampton

(631) 852-8899

This park offers outer beach camping, limited to 100 self-contained trailers or campers. **(No Tents)**

Park Activities: surfcasting, NO SANITARY FACILITIES available, Small parking lot available for Green Key Card holders without a recreational vehicle use permit. Vehicles with Suffolk County Parks Recreational vehicle use permit must park on beach.

Directions: Sunrise Highway to Montauk Highway - South on Halsey Neck Lane to Dune Road. West on Dune to Park Entrance.

ATTENTION ALL OUTER BEACH USERS: The Parks Department reserves the right to prohibit vehicle use on portions of County beaches or to close beaches completely due to changes in beach conditions from natural occurrences (storms, tides, etc.), or maintenance (jetty repairs, dredging, etc.), or for best management of its lands and natural resources.

OUTER BEACH CAMPING

Cupsogue Beach County Park - Westhampton

(631) 852-8111 or (631) 852-8112 (seasonal)

Cupsogue Beach Hut (631) 288-7670

Cupsogue offers outer beach camping for 20 self contained trailers and campers with recreational vehicle permit, **(No Tents)** at a designated area on the north side of the Moriches Inlet access road (bay side). Access may be restricted due to nesting shorebirds. There is also limited camping for 10 self-contained trailers and campers in the northwest corner of the paved parking lot.

Park Activities: Lifeguard protected swimming, scuba diving and surfcasting. Restrooms and snack bar available at the pavilion.

Directions: From the Village of Westhampton Beach go South on Jessup Lane and cross the bridge. Turn right on Dune Road, go to the end.

Meschutt Beach County Park - Hampton Bays

(631) 852-8205

Meschutt Beach Hut (631) 728-2988

Meschutt offers camping for 9 self-contained campers and trailers **(No Tents.)** No camping is permitted on the beach.

Park Activities: Lifeguard protected swimming, restrooms and snack bar are available at the pavilion.

Directions: Sunrise Highway to Exit 66 (first exit on the east side of the Shinnecock Canal). Follow Canal Road North to park entrance.

Smith Point County Park

Outer beach camping is also available at Smith Point. See section on Smith Point.

WATCH OUT FOR THE PIPING PLOVER! Many Long Island beaches are excellent habitat for nesting shorebirds. Among these birds, is the piping plover. The plover is a small sand-colored bird with a black ring around its neck and a black band across its forehead. Listed as a threatened species, the plover is protected under the Endangered Species laws. Although nesting areas are well marked with signs and fencing, adults and chicks feed along the water's edge. Please stay away from the birds and the protected areas.

CAMPGROUNDS

Smith Point County Park - Shirley

Campground (631) 852-1315, 852-1316

Office (631) 852-1313

Smith Point Beach Hut (631) 281-7788

Smith Point, the County's largest ocean front park, offers limited outer beach camping for 75 self contained trailers and campers **(no tents)**. There are 222 general campsites for tents and trailers. All sites have water. Premium sites (sewer &/or electric hookups) are available for an additional fee. Open year round. Off season club camping areas available.

Park Facilities: Lifeguard protected swimming (in season), scuba diving, picnicking, playground (handicapped accessible), and an outer beach area providing additional activities such as saltwater fishing, & surfing.

Directions: LIE to Exit 68 (Wm. Floyd Pkwy). Take Wm. Floyd Pkwy South to the end.

Indian Island County Park - Riverhead

(631) 852-3232

There are 150 general campsites for tents and trailers available with sanitary facilities (showers). Youth group and club camping areas available by **permit only**. Open seven (7) days a week April 1 - October 25. Limited off-season camping is available for Self-contained campers only.

NEW FOR 2004 - 35 premium sites set to open up Spring 2004. Sites are re-designed to accommodate larger camping units and will offer water and electricity. Watch for Grand Opening Celebration!

Park Facilities: Fishing, picnicking, hiking, playground (handicapped accessible), and campground & picnic pavilions. Home of the largest population of prickly pear cactus, a protected species. Car top boats (canoes or kayaks) can be hand launched (no trailers.) No launching of motorized boats or personal watercraft is permitted. Golf is also available at the Indian Island Country Club, adjacent to the park.

Directions: South on Route 24 from the Riverhead traffic circle, turn left onto County Road 105, over bridge, entrance on right, past the golf course.

CAMPGROUNDS

Cathedral Pines County Park - Middle Island

(631) 852-5500 or 852-5502 Campground (seasonal)

This park offers camping for large organized youth groups and camping clubs on a reservation basis as well as individual camping. Sanitary facilities with showers are available. Limited off-season camping is available for Self-contained campers only.

Park Activities: hiking, playground (handicapped accessible), bridle paths, mountain bike trail. Fully equipped activity building available for use by campers and non-profit groups by reservation only (631) 854-4951.

Directions: LIE to Exit 68N (Wm. Floyd Pkwy.) Turn left onto Longwood Rd. At end of Longwood Rd., make left onto Middle Island Yaphank Rd. & quick right into Park entrance.

Southaven County Park - Brookhaven

(631) 854-1418 – Campground (seasonal)

(631) 854-1414 – Office

There are 104 general campsites for tents and trailers available, with sanitary facilities (showers). Club camping areas available by **permit only**.

Park Activities: rowboating, canoeing, hiking, picnicking, fishing, playground (handicapped accessible), pavilion, bridle paths, horseback riding at the Southaven Stables. (631-205-1000) and the LI Steamers

Directions: Sunrise Hwy. To Exit 58 North. As you enter the Wm. Floyd Pkwy, turn West onto Victory Ave. Turn right on River Rd. Entrance will be on your left.



CAMPGROUND RULES AND REGULATIONS

Registration: All park patrons entering Suffolk campgrounds for any purpose must register with the attendant at check station. Camping registration will be permitted between 8 a.m. – 9 p.m. only. ***Upon registration, camper must provide attendant with green key card, driver's license, camper/motor home registration, pet inoculations, and an emergency phone number where they can be reached in case of an emergency.*** First-come, first-served campers must set up campsite immediately after check-in.

Occupancy: *Occupancy of a site is limited to four (4) adults or two (2) adults with children. No more than two (2) tents will be permitted to a site, and only one tent will be permitted if used in addition to a camper, trailer or RV.*

Campers may leave site unattended overnight IF, camper has registered and paid fees for duration of his stay; and provided a phone number where he can be reached in case of an emergency. The Parks Department will not be responsible for any equipment or property left on an unattended site.

Period of Stay: Camping is limited to seven (7) nights maximum. * A camper who wishes to stay up to two weeks in the same campground may do so but **only** through the camping reservation system, **except at Smith Point Park (7 night maximum)**. A camper staying four (4) nights or more may not return for a period of seven (7) nights from the time of check out. A camper staying one to three (1 to 3) nights, may not return for two (2) nights. * **At Smith Point and Cupsogue, total maximum stay will include outer beach camping as well as inland camping.**

UNDER 18: Camping permits will NOT BE ISSUED to anyone under 18 years of age. Groups under 18 must have one member OVER 18 to register and accompany them at all times.

CHECK IN/OUT TIMES: Campers may check in beginning at 8:00 am or immediately after registration if site is available (*except at Smith Point, reservation check-ins will be processed after 4:00 pm - NO SOONER*) *Check-in for No-Show sites at Smith Point will begin at 8:00 am.* Sites must be vacated no later than 4:00 pm except Smith Point (in season 12:00 pm, off-season 4:00 pm on the last day of stay.) Campers **must** check out with park attendant. **SMITH POINT CAMPERS: If camper does not check out and remove all equipment from campsite by designated time, they will incur a \$25 "late check-out fee", their green key card will be suspended and all current reservations will be cancelled.** Full payment is required at check-in.

In order to receive handicap or volunteer discount for camping, the handicap or volunteer person whose name appears on the green key card must be present at check-in. DISCOUNTS ARE NON-TRANSFERABLE.

Alcoholic Beverages: No alcoholic beverages permitted. Persons under the influence of intoxicating liquors or drugs will be evicted from the park.

Cars: A maximum of two (2) cars are permitted at a campsite at any one time. All campground parking is by permit only. At check-in two parking permits will be provided. All other vehicles and additional trailers must park in the parking fields or as directed by park personnel.

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Open Fires: Fires are permitted in approved containers such as a BBQ grill, hibachi, or a fully-contained burn unit. *Campfire size should not be larger than the container. (max. size - 1/2 of 55 gal. drum). CCA or treated lumber, construction debris and pallets are prohibited for use as firewood. Firewood should be clean and free of nails, screws, or any sharp objects. On sites where fire rings are provided, no other fire containers will be permitted.* Check with park personnel to be sure your unit is acceptable. Keep shovel and bucket of water handy. Douse your fire, stir coals, and douse with water again to extinguish. Check with park personnel on ash disposal. Campfires may be banned due to local weather conditions.

Pets: Only domestic animals are permitted. Pets must be on a leash no more than 6' in length and under owner's control at all times. Pets are not to be left at campsite unattended. Pets are not permitted in any picnic areas, protected bathing areas, or sanitary facilities (including showers). Owners are responsible for immediate removal and proper disposal of pet's waste. *No more than two pets per campsite will be allowed. Owner will be required to show license / proof of inoculations upon check-in. If not shown, camper will be denied access to the campground.* If a pet becomes a nuisance, owners may be asked to leave the park.

Generators: Generators will be permitted during the following hours: 10 am - 1 pm and then from 5 pm - 8 pm. Generators must be placed at the front or entry door side of your camper/trailer. Keep all flammable liquids a safe distance away. Do not refuel a hot generator. Campers with excessively loud generators will be asked to shut them off. Be considerate of your fellow park users.

Quiet Hours: Quiet must be observed from 10 p.m. to 8 a.m. each night. Failure to observe this rule will be sufficient cause to deny a camper the privilege of a site.

Water: Water spigots are provided for obtaining drinking and/or cooking water only. Water spigots **may not be permanently** hooked up to an individual campsite. Washing clothes, persons, pets, or vehicles with spigots is prohibited.

Waste Disposal: Campers are responsible for preventing waste water from running onto ground. Gray water must be disposed of in gray water dump stations. All trash should be disposed of in campground trash barrels or designated disposal sites.

Telephone Service: See campground attendant for location of pay phones.

Visitors: Guests may visit from 8 am - 10 pm only, and must check-in with campground attendant who will direct them where to park. Campers are asked to use discretion in the number of guests at their site at any one time, or face possible denial of campsite. Visitors may arrive in passenger cars only, no recreational vehicle will be permitted.

Campsite Accessories: When setting up campground accessories, please don't drive nails into trees, deface, remove, destroy or injure any tree, flower shrub, fern moss or other plant, rock, fossil, or mineral found or growing on County Parklands. Birds and their nests and other wildlife must not be disturbed. *Tarps or weather covering must be free standing, or secured to the ground and must not be tied, nailed, screwed or attached in any form to trees or shrubs within the campground.*

Inflatable pools/hot tubs are not permitted in the park. Patrons are permitted to swim in designated swimming areas only.

CAMPGROUNDS

West Hills County Park - Huntington

(631) 854-4423

The West Hills campground is exclusively available for organized youth group camping. Tent campsites, lean-tos, and/or shelters can be reserved year round by **permit only**.

Park Activities: Picnicking, hiking, playground (handicapped accessible), bridle paths and horseback riding at the Sweet Hills Stable (351-9168). Visit Jaynes Hill, the highest point on Long Island.

Directions: LIE to Exit 48, North on Old Swamp Rd. Right on High Hold Drive. Entrance is on the right.

Blydenburgh County Park - Smithtown

Campground (631) 854-3712 (seasonal)

Office (631) 854-3713

There are 35 general campsites for tents and trailers with sanitary facilities (showers). Open seven (7) days a week Apr. 3 - Sept. 14. Limited off-season camping is available for Self-contained campers only. Youth group and club camping areas available by **permit only**.

Park Activities:

Row boating, freshwater fishing, hiking, picnicking, playground (handicapped accessible) and bridle paths. Visit the historic trust area on the north side of the park (Call 360-0753 for information).

Directions: Enter park from the north side of Veteran's Memorial Highway, opposite the H. Lee Dennison Building.

